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SUBDISTRICTS 2 and 3 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHING OPENING

There will be one 36-hour commercial salmon fishing period in Subdistricts 2 and 3, the Golovin and Elim Subdistricts, beginning noon Sunday, August 11 and ending at midnight Monday evening, August 12. Commercial permit holders in both subdistricts are limited to 100 fathoms of net and gillnets must have a mesh size of 6 inches or less.

Seven Golovin permit holders caught 1,476 coho salmon during the recent 36-hour fishing period that ended Friday night. The catch was a record for one fishing period and the total catch of nearly 3,200 coho salmon this season ranks fourth highest in history.

Fourteen Elim permit holders caught 886 coho salmon during the recent 36-hour fishing period that ended Friday night. The catch was average for this date. The total catch of 2,000 coho salmon this season is average for this date.

The coho salmon escapement at Kwiniuk River counting tower in Elim Subdistrict is average for the second week of August. There is no longer an escapement counting project at Niukluk River in the Golovin Subdistrict and department personnel plan to fly an aerial survey if weather permits next week to estimate early season escapement.

Good Luck and Good Fishing.